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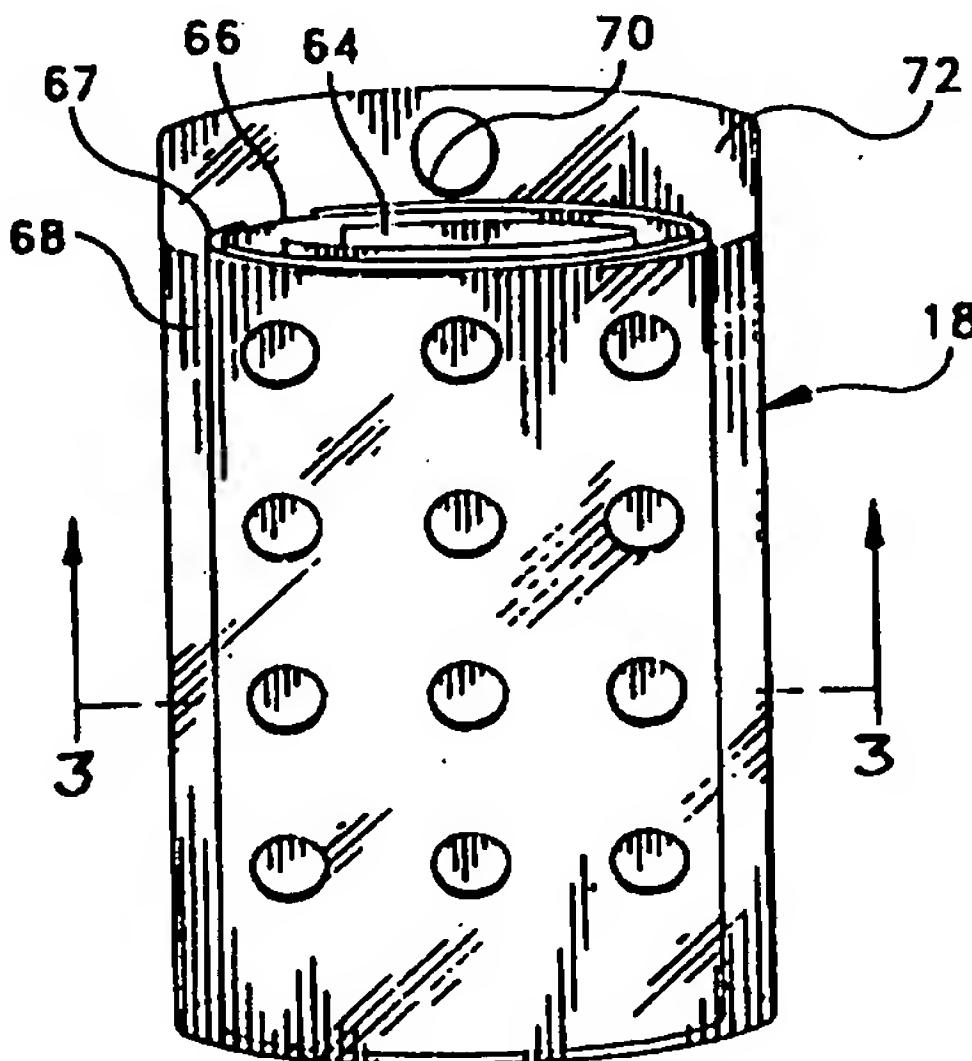
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(54) Title: APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROLLED RELEASE OF AN INSECT ATTRACTANT

(57) Abstract

Apparatus (18) for releasing a volatile material into the atmosphere of a constant rate includes a breakable inner container (60) containing a predetermined amount of the volatile material. The inner container (60) is enclosed in a mesh bag (62) which is in turn enclosed in a filter paper (64) and a diffusion membrane (66). To protect a handler from contacting the volatile material on the outer surface of the diffusion membrane (66) the assembly is further enclosed in a second filter paper (67) and a perforated outer membrane (68). The volatile material is absorbed onto inner paper (64), diffuses through the inner diffusion membrane (66) and exits the assembly through apertures in the outer membrane (68).



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1                   **APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROLLED RELEASE OF**  
2                   **AN INSECT ATTRACTANT**

3                   **Background and Summary of the Invention:**

4                  The instant invention relates to insect trapping  
5                  techniques, and chemical attractants for mosquitos and  
6                  related hematophagous insects of the order Diptera, and  
7                  more specifically to methods of attracting mosquitos  
8                  using 1-octen-3-ol, and apparatus for releasing 1-octen-  
9                  3-ol at predetermined release rates.

10                 The use of carbon dioxide and 1-octen-3-ol (octenol)  
11                 as attractants for hematophagous insects have heretofore  
12                 been known in the art. Various field studies focusing on  
13                 the effectiveness of varying release rates of carbon  
14                 dioxide and octenol have heretofore been conducted, and  
15                 in this regard, studies conducted by Vale et al, 1985,  
16                 Bull. ent. Res., 75, 209-217, The Role of 1-octen-3-ol,  
17                 Acetone, and Carbon Dioxide in the Attraction of Tsetse  
18                 Flies to Ox Odor; Mushobozy et al, 1993, J. Econ.  
19                 Entomol. 86(6):1835-1845, Evaluation of 1-octen-3-ol and  
20                 Nonanol as Adjuvants for Aggregation Pheromones for Three  
21                 Species of Cucujid Beetles; Atwood et al, 1993, Vol. 9,  
22                 No. 2 pps. 143-146, Evaluation of 1-octen-3-ol and Carbon  
23                 Dioxide as Black Fly Attractants in Arkansas; and Kline  
24                 et al, 1991, J. Med. Entomol. 28(2):254-258, Interactive

1       effects of 1-octen-3-ol and Carbon Dioxide on Mosquito  
2       Surveillance and Control represent the closest prior art  
3       to the subject matter of the instant invention of which  
4       the applicant is aware.

5           The study by Vale et al established that lower  
6       release rates of octenol were more effective than higher  
7       release rates for attracting tsetse flies. More  
8       specifically, it was found that a release rate of  
9       approximately 5.0 mg/hr of octenol appeared to be most  
10      effective. Vale further observed that release rates of  
11      octenol of 50-500 mg/hr appeared to act as a repellent  
12      although the reasons for this phenomenon were not  
13      indicated. The study by Mushobozy indicated that the  
14      Cucujid beetles showed a preference for a release rate of  
15      about 20 micrograms/hr of octenol. The study by Atwood  
16      tested octenol and carbon dioxide as attractants, both  
17      alone and in combination, for black flies. While the  
18      Atwood study did not measure specific release rates of  
19      octenol, it did establish that traps releasing both  
20      carbon dioxide and octenol in combination were more  
21      effective than traps with octenol alone. The study by  
22      Kline is particularly relevant to the instant invention  
23      in that it tested varying release rates of octenol and  
24      carbon dioxide as attractants for mosquitos. Responses  
25      of mosquitos at three levels (0, 3.0 and 41.1 mg/hr) of  
26      octenol, four levels (0, 20, 200 and 2,000 ml/min) of

1       carbon dioxide and their combinations were tested. The  
2       3.0 mg/hr level of octenol resulted in increased trap  
3       catches relative to 0 mg/hr, whereas the 41.1 mg/hr level  
4       reduced trap catches relative to the 0 mg/hr and the 3.0  
5       mg/hr levels. For the release of octenol, Kline utilized  
6       a glass bottle with a rubber septum cover that was in  
7       contact with a pipe cleaner wick. When the pipe cleaner  
8       was held subsurface to the septum "wick in", it produced  
9       a release rate of about 3-5 mg/hr, and when the wick was  
10      allowed to extend above the septum "wick out" it produced  
11      a release rate of about 40 mg/hr.

12           Despite the findings of the above field studies,  
13       very few, if any, people have studied the biological  
14       response mechanisms in mosquitoes that are responsible  
15       for response to carbon dioxide and octenol. Thus, while  
16       the scientific community is aware that carbon dioxide and  
17       octenol are operative as attractants, the biological  
18       responses that underlie the phenomenon are generally not  
19       understood.

20           The instant invention provides specific release  
21       rates for octenol for use as a mosquito attractant, and  
22       further provides apparatus for releasing octenol into the  
23       air at the desired release rate. The release rate for  
24       octenol as disclosed herein was determined by  
25       electrophysiology studies conducted on the basiconic pegs  
26       located on the distal end of the maxillary palps of

1       female mosquitos. It was determined that a single neurons  
2       in a single basiconic palpal peg is responsible for the  
3       mosquitoes response to octenol. The firing rates of this  
4       specific neuron was studied in order to determine their  
5       normal firing rate and how the neuron reacted to  
6       different levels of octenol. Through these  
7       electrophysiology studies, it was determined that the  
8       optimal release rate octenol was much lower (on the order  
9       of 5 to 10 times lower) than any release rates previously  
10      tested by others. More specifically, it was determined  
11      that a dose rate of about 0.1 - 1.0 mg/hr of octenol  
12      produced the most consistent firing rates in the neuron  
13      in the operable range. Higher dose rates of octenol  
14      caused the neuron to overload and shut down completely,  
15      thereby disabling the mosquitos differential sensing  
16      capabilities. It was further found that a dose rate of  
17      approximately 0.5 mg/hr of octenol provided the most  
18      flight activity during field testing.

19           The apparatus for releasing octenol at a rate of  
20      approximately 0.5 mg/hr comprises a slow-release plastic  
21      diffusion packet including a crushable vial containing  
22      about 1 milliliter of octenol. The vial is contained  
23      within a plastic web mesh to capture the vial fragments  
24      when crushed. The web mesh is in turn surrounded by a  
25      filter paper to absorb the octenol. The vial, plastic web  
26      and filter paper are sealed within a LDPE plastic bag.

1     The surface area and thickness of the plastic bag were  
2     selected to provide the desired release rate of octenol  
3     which slowly diffuses through the plastic bag. The slow  
4     release packet is attached to a trap to draw mosquitos  
5     into the vicinity.

6         Accordingly, it is an object of the instant  
7     invention to provide a method of attracting mosquitoes by  
8     releasing octenol into ambient air at a rate of about 0.1  
9     to 1.0 mg/hr.

10        It is another object to provide apparatus for  
11     releasing octenol at a predetermined release rate.

12        Other objects, features and advantages of the  
13     invention shall become apparent as the description  
14     thereof proceeds when considered in connection with the  
15     accompanying illustrative drawings.

16

17     **Description of the Drawings:**

18        In the drawings which illustrate the best mode  
19     presently contemplated for carrying out the present  
20     invention:

21        Fig. 1 is an elevational view, partially in section,  
22     of a light/fan trap incorporating the features of the  
23     instant invention;

24        Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a slow-release  
25     octenol packet constructed in accordance with the  
26     teachings of the instant invention;

1           Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view thereof taken along  
2       line 3-3 of Fig. 2; and

3           Fig. 4 is an assembly view thereof.

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5           **Description of the Preferred Embodiment:**

6           Referring now to the drawings, a mosquito trap  
7       incorporating the features of the instant invention is  
8       illustrated and generally indicated at 10 in Fig. 1. As  
9       will hereinafter be more fully described, the instant  
10      mosquito trap 10 utilizes both carbon dioxide and octenol  
11      as attractants for attracting mosquitoes to the trap.

12          The mosquito trap comprises a fan/light assembly  
13       generally indicated at 12, a carbon dioxide canister  
14       generally indicated at 14, and a trap net generally  
15       indicated at 16. A slow release octenol packet for  
16       attachment to the trap 10 is generally indicated at 18 in  
17       Figs. 1-4.

18          The fan/light assembly 12 comprises a cylindrical  
19       body portion 20 having an open bottom 22, and a hollow  
20       cylindrical neck portion 24 which extends upwardly and  
21       terminates in a head portion 26. The head portion 26  
22       includes outward threads 28 at the top thereof for  
23       threaded engagement with a cap of the carbon dioxide  
24       canister 14. The fan/light assembly 12 further includes  
25       an internal fan 30 which is capable of developing a  
26       downwardly directed air flow of about 500 l/min, and a

1 light source 32 positioned in the neck portion 24  
2 thereof. The head portion 26 encloses an electronics  
3 package (not shown) which is operable for controlling the  
4 fan 30 and light 32 of the assembly 12. A stainless  
5 steel screen 34 is provided at the top of the body  
6 portion 20 to prevent the entry of larger insects into  
7 the trap body 20. The body portion 20 further includes an  
8 external hook 36 for supporting the slow release octenol  
9 packet 18.

10 The carbon dioxide canister 14 comprises a molded  
11 plastic cap generally indicated at 38, an insulated  
12 container generally indicated at 40 and a removable top  
13 42. The plastic cap 38 includes an inwardly threaded hub  
14 (not shown) for threaded engagement with the outwardly  
15 threaded head portion 26 of the light/fan assembly 12.  
16 The cap 38 further includes a wide flange 44 for  
17 protecting the fan/light assembly 12 from inclement  
18 weather. The container 40 includes a rugged polypropylene  
19 liner 46 which is preferably large enough to hold at  
20 least 3 1/2 pounds of dry ice and is preferably insulated  
21 with rigid foam insulation 48 such that the dry ice is  
22 allowed to sublime at a rate of approximately 500  
23 ml/min. A port 50 extends downwardly from the container  
24 40 through the cap 38 to allow the sublimated carbon  
25 dioxide to be drawn downwardly by the fan 30 into the  
26 interior of the trap body 20. A perforated manifold 52 in

1       the bottom of the container 40 prevents the dry ice from  
2       blocking the exit port 50. In use, sublimated carbon  
3       dioxide is drawn downwardly into the 500 l/min air flow  
4       within the body portion 20 to provide a constant  
5       concentration of about 1000 ppm at the open bottom 22 of  
6       the body portion 20.

7           In the alternative, carbon dioxide from a tank (not  
8       shown) can be supplied to the interior of the neck  
9       portion 24 by means of a hose 59. The flow rate of carbon  
10      dioxide from the tank is regulated by a conventional flow  
11      regulator to achieve the desired 500 ml/min flow rate.

12           Based on prior research it has been determined that  
13      mosquitos apparently navigate via a differential sensing  
14      of carbon dioxide concentrations that are on the order of  
15      parts per million. By detecting concentration differences  
16      on their stereo sensillum, the mosquito determines which  
17      direction to fly. Since mosquitos apparently utilize a  
18      differential concentration of carbon dioxide in their  
19      host approach, they navigate towards higher and higher  
20      concentrations of carbon dioxide, i.e. towards the source  
21      of carbon dioxide which is usually a potential host.  
22           However, the neurons which sense carbon dioxide have a  
23      threshold limit above which they become disoriented. This  
24      limit has been determined to be around 1000 ppm. The  
25      instant fan trap 10 presents the carbon dioxide only to  
26      the interior of the trap body 20 to provide a dose rate

1       in the vicinity of 1000 ppm at the plume exit (open  
2       bottom 22) of the trap body 20. The carbon dioxide  
3       sublimated in the instant trap 10 is drawn downwardly  
4       through the center of the trap 10 by virtue of a lower  
5       pressure created by the fan 30, and is mixed with ambient  
6       air within the trap body 20. The air flow exits the trap  
7       bottom 22 and is dispersed through the trap net 16. The  
8       concept of the idea is that the mosquitos will navigate  
9       the plume to the trap entrance (screen 24) without being  
10      repelled or caused to turn away from the trap 10 due to  
11      too high a concentration. It is theorized that the  
12      mosquitos will navigate the perimeter of the air flow  
13      plume into the vicinity of the trap entrance. Near the  
14      trap entrance they will be drawn into the trap via the  
15      fan suction and captured in the trap net 16.

16           The trap net 16 is constructed from a fine mesh  
17      material to allow air flow, yet prevent the escape of  
18      even the smallest mosquitos. The trap net 16 is generally  
19      cylindrical in shape and it has drawstrings 54 and 56  
20      respectively at the top and bottom thereof. The top draw  
21      string 54 allows the trap net 16 to be tightly drawn  
22      around the open bottom 22 of the trap body 20. The  
23      bottom draw string 56 allows the mosquitos to be emptied  
24      from the net 16. The trap net 16 may further include  
25      props 58 for suspending the net in an open position. The  
26      trap net 16 may also be disposable so that the operator

1 may simply close the net 16 at the ends and throw the  
2 full net away.

3 The slow release octenol packet 18 is operable for  
4 releasing octenol to ambient air at a rate of about 0.5  
5 mg/hr and it comprises a crushable glass vial 60 (Fig. 7)  
6 containing about 1 ml of octenol. The glass vial 60 is  
7 contained within a plastic mesh sleeve 62 to capture the  
8 glass vial fragments when crushed. The plastic mesh  
9 sleeve 62 is in turn surrounded by an absorbent material  
10 64, such as a layer of filter paper, to absorb and  
11 disperse the octenol over a larger surface area. The  
12 glass vial 60, plastic mesh sleeve 62 and absorbent  
13 filter paper 64 are in turn sealed within a polymeric  
14 diffusion membrane 66. In the instant embodiment, the  
15 diffusion membrane 66 comprises a 6 mil LDPE plastic bag  
16 having an outer surface area of about 13.5 square inches.  
17 In this connection, the plastic bag 66 was formed from 6  
18 mil plastic tubing having a flat width of 3 inches. The  
19 cylindrical tubing was laid flat and sealed at the top  
20 and bottom edges to provide a linear length of 2.25  
21 inches. The octenol release packet 18 further comprises  
22 a second layer of filter paper 67 wrapped around membrane  
23 66 and an external perforated jacket 68. The filter  
24 paper 67 and membrane 68 permit the octenol to evaporate  
25 into the air but prevent skin contact with the octenol on  
26 the surface of the diffusion membrane 66. The external

1 jacket 68 is also constructed from LDPE plastic and it  
2 further includes flap 70 at the top thereof with an  
3 aperture 72 therein for mounting onto the external hook  
4 36 of the trap body 20.

5 The optimal release rate of 0.5 mg/hr was determined  
6 partly by electrophysiology studies conducted on female  
7 mosquitos at the Worcester Foundation For Experimental  
8 Biology and partly by behavioral testing at the insectary  
9 of American Biophysics Corp, In Jamestown, RI.

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#### 11 EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE AND RESULTS

12 There are three neurons present in the basiconic  
13 sensillum located at the distal end of the maxillary  
14 palps of female mosquitos. Of the three neurons, one is  
15 highly responsive to the presentation of octenol.  
16 Standard electrophysiology recording techniques were used  
17 to record extracellular responses from the receptor  
18 neuron. (See Grant et al, 1989 Pheromone-Mediated Sexual  
19 Selection in the Moth Utetheisa Ornatrix: Olfactory  
20 Neurons Responsive to a Male-Produced Pheromone, J.  
21 Insect Behav. 2:371-385). Mosquitos were mounted on a  
22 microscope stage with adhesive and double-sided tape. A  
23 tungsten recording electrode was inserted at the  
24 sensillum base and an indifferent electrode was place in  
25 the eye. Two gas streams were directed toward the  
26 exposed palp, one carrying the background and the other

1       the stimulus. Computer activated valves controlled the  
2       delivery of gas to the mosquito preparation. 1-octen-3-  
3       ol was dosed at approximately 1 milligram (1 microliter  
4       reagent) onto a filter paper approximately 3 mm by 20 mm  
5       and inserted into a 2 inch glass cartridge with Luer  
6       taper fittings on both ends. The cartridge was directed  
7       on a mosquito preparation with synthetic mixed air,  
8       including carbon dioxide of known concentration, running  
9       through it. The exact dose rate of octenol was not  
10      quantifiable due to the fluctuating background flow. A  
11      similar setup with filter paper but no chemical was  
12      presented from the other side of the insect, and suitable  
13      valves were provided to redirect air flow under computer  
14      control. This setup is more completely described in  
15      Grant et al, as indicated above.

16           As noted, a 1 milligram sample was used in all  
17      preliminary work up to August 12, 1993. With the  
18      presentation of 1-heptanol or 1-octen-3-ol, one of the  
19      two secondary neurons began firing almost immediately  
20      when the cartridge was placed near the insect, and before  
21      a stimulus stream was even provided. On closer  
22      examination, the firing rate of the neuron quickly rose  
23      to its maximum capability of some 150-200 impulses per  
24      second and then completely shut down. The normal firing  
25      range for the neuron was found to be approximately 10-150  
26      impulses per second. In some cases the neuron would

1 recover after several seconds to several minutes of clean  
2 air, but in other cases, the neuron seemed to never  
3 recover. It was thus determined that the dose rate of  
4 octenol provided in these preliminary tests was much too  
5 high. In tests conducted after August 12, 1993, a new  
6 cartridge was utilized wherein the dosage of octenol was  
7 reduced by a factor of 1000 by dilution with distilled  
8 water. The 1 microgram cartridge was then presented to  
9 the insects without causing the secondary neuron to cease  
10 firing during the stimulation period. Again it was  
11 pointed out that the exact dose rate of octenol was not  
12 quantifiable due to the background flow rate. Meaningful  
13 rates of firing increases in one of the secondary neurons  
14 were then noted with the presentation of octenol at the  
15 reduced dosage level. The neuron subsided to a normal  
16 tonic level immediately after stimulus presentation. It  
17 was thus determined that the dose rates of octenol  
18 previously tested (i.e. in the range of 3.0 - 40.0 mg/hr)  
19 were much too high to be effective.

20 Based on the information gathered in the  
21 electrophysiology test, behavioral tests were then run in  
22 the insectary of American Biophysics during the middle  
23 two weeks of September 1993 to examine behavioral  
24 responses of *Aedes aegypti* to presentations of various  
25 dosage levels of 1-octen-3-ol. In order to significantly  
26 reduce the dose levels previously tested it was

1       determined that a diffusion membrane would provide a  
2       significantly reduced dose rate. Low density polyethylene  
3       tubing of two sizes were obtained for the construction of  
4       slow release packets. The first tubing was 4 mils thick  
5       and 2 inches in flat width. The second tubing was 6 mils  
6       thick and 3 inches in flat width. One milliliter of  
7       octenol was loaded into each tubing size and sealed at  
8       both ends. Sample packages were made in the following  
9       dimensions:

10           4 mil - 2 inches wide by 10 inches long  
11           4 mil - 2 inches wide by 2 inches long  
12           6 mil - 3 inches wide by 6 inches long  
13           6 mil - 3 inches wide by 2 inches long.

14       The sealed bags were allowed to sit for two hours to  
15       allow the internal vapor pressure to permeate the LDPE  
16       membrane. The bags were then pulled through a small  
17       opening into the insectary with a pulley arrangement to  
18       observe the results (on closed circuit television) of the  
19       stimulus presentation, without prejudicing the outcome by  
20       having a human enter the room.

21       It was noted that the octenol did not stimulate the  
22       mosquitos to flight in any of the concentrations  
23       presented. An artificial stimulation by carbon dioxide  
24       gas was required to cause the mosquitos to fly from their  
25       resting positions. This behavior indicated that the

1       mosquitos utilize both carbon dioxide and octenol in  
2       their host seeking navigation.

3           Once stimulated to flight with the carbon dioxide,  
4       the octenol presented in the higher concentrations, i.e.  
5       the 4 mil bags, seemed to thwart the general flight  
6       behavior of the mosquitoes in the vicinity of the  
7       attractant bags, i.e. appeared to act as a repellent.  
8       However, the 6 mil package having the 2 inch length  
9       provided the most flight activity in the area of the  
10      stimulant package after the mosquitos were activated to  
11      flight by a 5 second burst of 100% carbon dioxide flowing  
12      at a rate of 100 milliliter per minute into the insectary  
13      near the mosquito cage.

14          A 6 mil sample bag was then weighed on a balance  
15      over time to determine the release rate provided by the  
16      6 mil barrier. The release rate was determined to be  
17      approximately .037 milligrams/per square inch/per hour.  
18      The 6 mil 2 inch long by 3 inch wide package has a total  
19      surface area of approximately 12 square inches.  
20      Accordingly, the release rate of octenol from the 6 mil  
21      2 inch bag was about 0.44 mg/hr.

22          It can therefore be seen the instant invention  
23      provides an optimal release rates of octenol, as well as  
24      apparatus for releasing octenol at the optimum release  
25      rate. It can be seen that the slow release octenol  
26      packet of the instant invention provides a release rate

1       of octenol (0.5 mg.hr) which is significantly lower (by  
2       a factor of 5-10 times lower) than those previously  
3       studied. The lower release rate of octenol gives a more  
4       consistent and better effect than the prior release rates  
5       heretofore known. Furthermore, the lower octenol release  
6       rate also prevents damage to the sensory neuron structure  
7       thereby affording a better opportunity to capture the  
8       mosquitos. For these reasons, the instant invention is  
9       believed to represent a significant advancement in the  
10      art which has substantial commercial merit.

11           While there is shown and described herein certain  
12      specific structure embodying the invention, it will be  
13      manifest to those skilled in the art that various  
14      modifications and rearrangements of the parts may be made  
15      without departing from the spirit and scope of the  
16      underlying inventive concept and that the same is not  
17      limited to the particular forms herein shown and  
18      described except insofar as indicated by the scope of the  
19      appended claims.

**Claims:**

1. Apparatus for releasing a liquid insect attractant at a constant rate comprising:
  3. a breakable inner container containing a predetermined amount of said liquid insect attractant;
  5. and
  6. a polymeric diffusion membrane enclosing said inner container, said insect attractant diffusing through said polymeric diffusion membrane, and evaporating from an outer surface thereof.
1. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an absorbent material disposed between said inner container and said polymeric diffusion membrane for absorbing said insect attractant and dispersing said insect attractant over a large surface area after said inner container is broken.
1. In the apparatus of claim 1, said breakable inner container comprising a crushable glass vial.
1. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a porous web enclosing said glass vial for retaining glass fragments when said vial is crushed.

1       5. In the apparatus of claim 4, said porous web  
2       comprising a plastic mesh sleeve.

1       6. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a gas  
2       permeable membrane surrounding said diffusion membrane.

1       7. In the apparatus of claim 6, said gas permeable  
2       membrane comprising a polymeric membrane having a  
3       plurality of apertures therein.

1       8. In the apparatus of claim 1, said polymeric  
2       diffusion membrane comprising LDPE plastic.

1       9. In the apparatus of claim 1, said insect attractant  
2       comprising 1-octen-3-ol.

1       10. In the apparatus of claim 9, said polymeric  
2       diffusion membrane comprising 6 mil LDPE plastic having  
3       a total surface area of about 13.5 square inches.

1       11. Apparatus for releasing a volatile material into the  
2       atmosphere at a constant rate comprising:  
3                 a breakable inner container containing a  
4                 predetermined amount of said volatile material; and  
5                 a diffusion membrane enclosing said inner container,  
6         said volatile material diffusing through said diffusion

7       membrane and evaporating from an outer surface of said  
8       membrane when said inner container is broken to release  
9       said volatile material into contact with an interior  
10      surface of said membrane.

1       12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said volatile  
2       material comprises a volatile liquid, said apparatus  
3       further comprising an absorbent material layer disposed  
4       between said inner container and said diffusion membrane,  
5       said absorbent material absorbing said volatile liquid  
6       and dispersing said volatile liquid over a large surface  
7       area after said inner container is broken to release said  
8       volatile liquid.

1       13. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said breakable  
2       inner container comprises a glass vial.

1       14. The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising a  
2       porous web enclosing said glass vial.

1       15. The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a gas  
2       permeable membrane surrounding said diffusion membrane.

1       16. The apparatus of claim 15 wherein said gas permeable  
2       membrane comprises a polymeric membrane having a  
3       plurality of apertures therein.

1       17. The apparatus of claim 12 further comprising a gas  
2       permeable membrane surrounding said diffusion membrane.

1       18. The apparatus of claim 17 wherein said gas permeable  
2       membrane comprises a polymeric membrane having a  
3       plurality of apertures therein.

1       19. The apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a  
2       second absorbent material layer disposed between said  
3       diffusion membrane and said gas permeable membrane.

1       20. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein said gas permeable  
2       membrane comprises a polymeric membrane having a  
3       plurality of apertures therein.

1       21. Apparatus for releasing a volatile liquid into the  
2       atmosphere at a constant rate comprising:

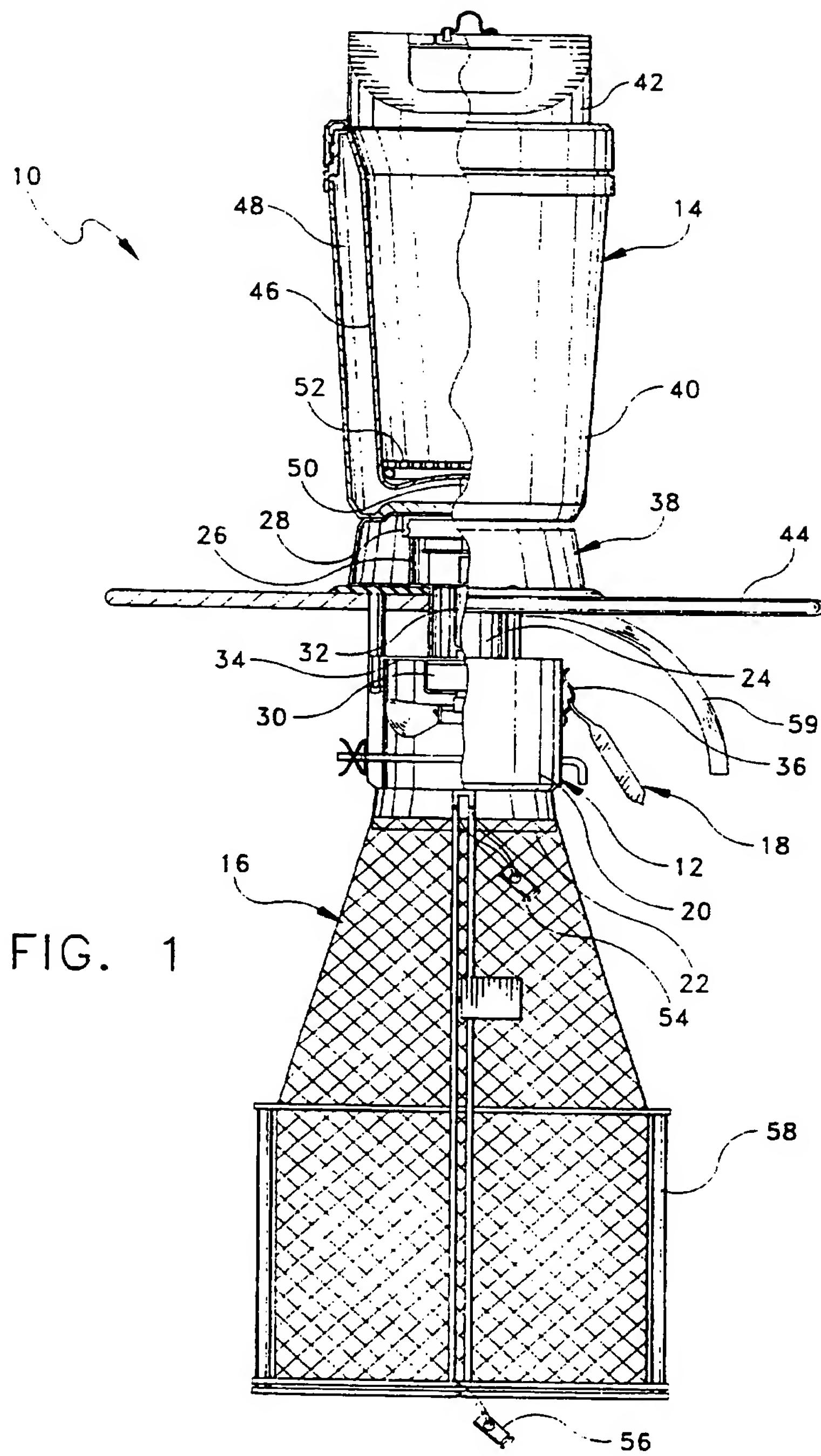
3                 a breakable inner container containing a  
4       perdetermined amount of said volatile liquid;

5                 a gas permeable membrane enclosing said inner  
6       container; and

7                 an absorbent material layer disposed between said  
8       inner container and said gas permeable membrane, said  
9       absorbent material absorbing said volatile liquid and  
10      dispersing said volatile liquid over a large surface area

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11        after said inner container is broken to release said  
12        volatile liquid.



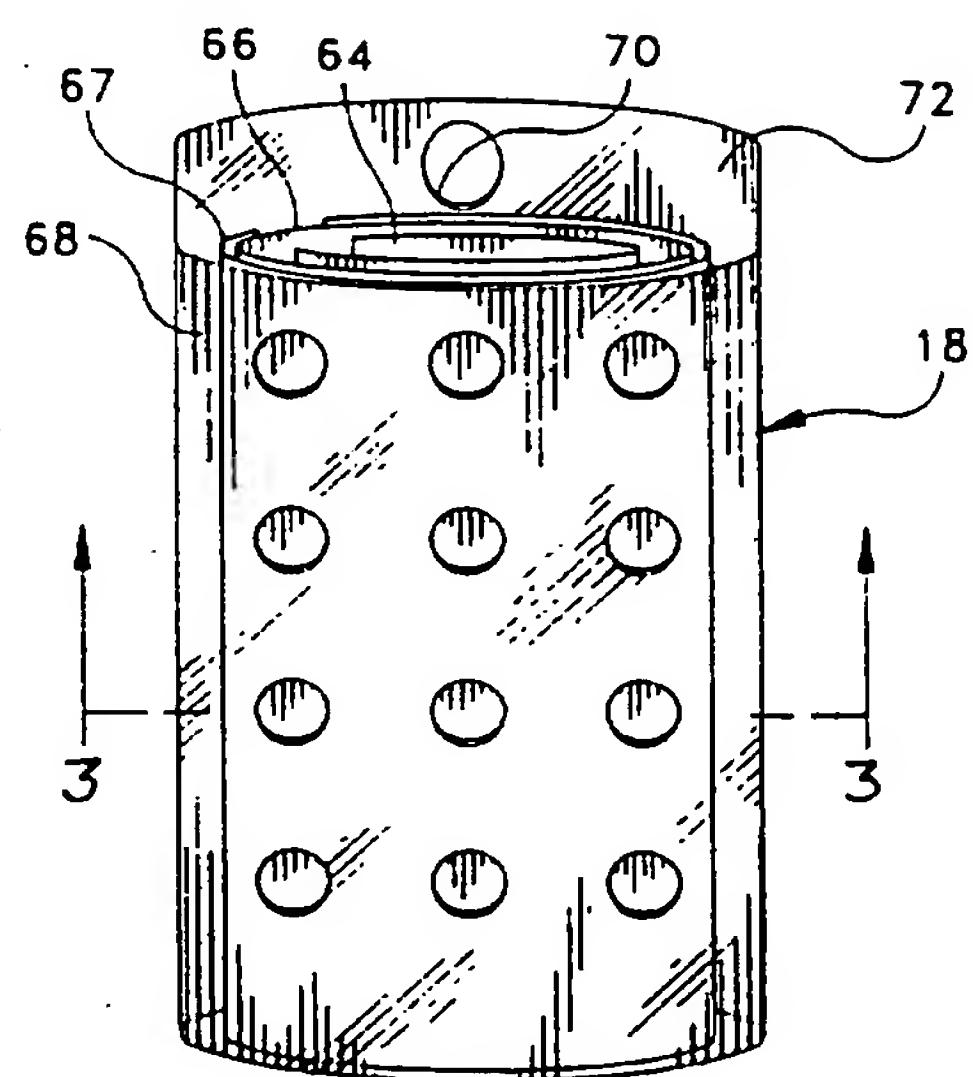


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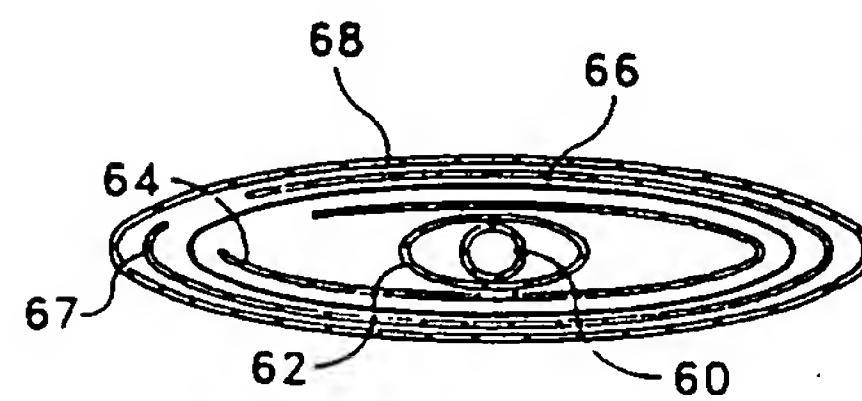


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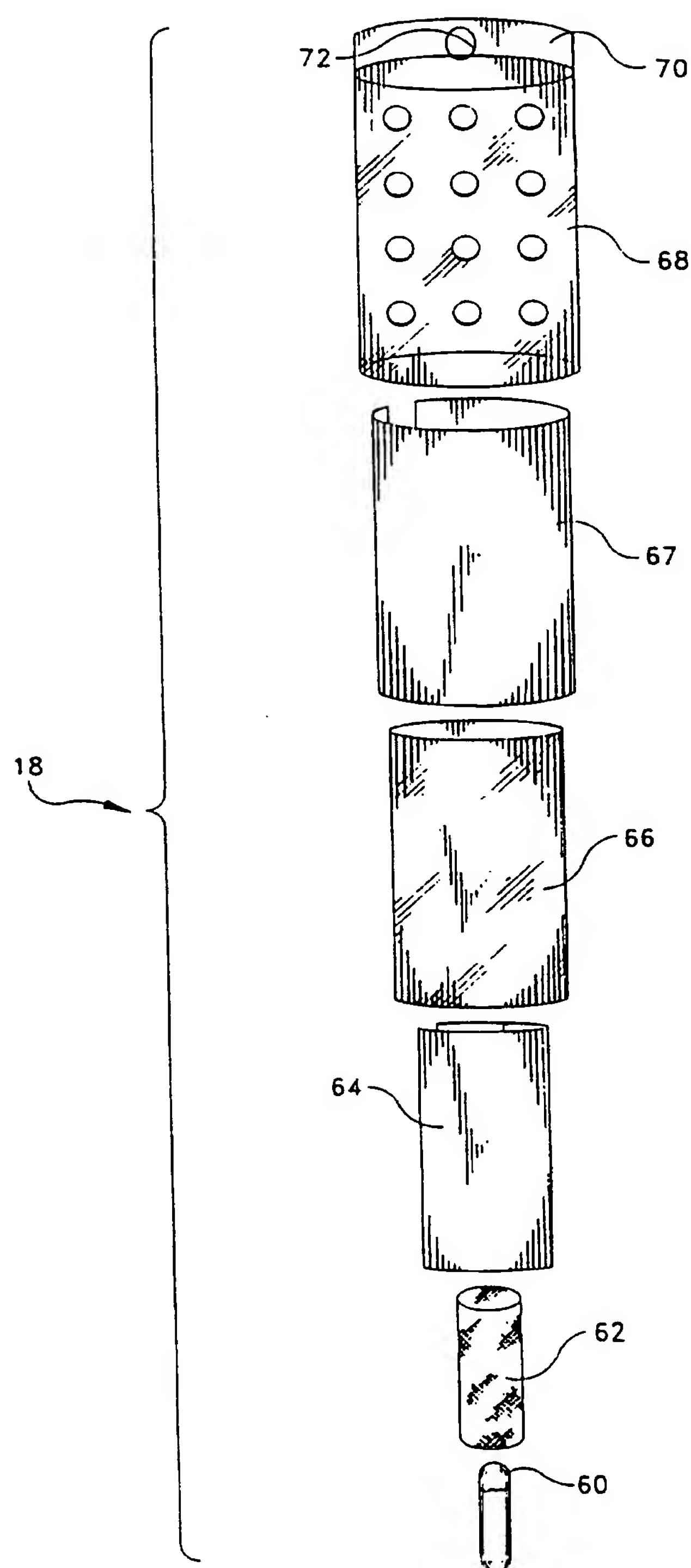


FIG. 4

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